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Docket No: 0342/19045-US5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Andrew Pakula; James Bowie

Serial No.: TBA

Examiner: TBA

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Art Unit: TBA

For: A SCREENING METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING LIGANDS FOR TARGET PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

July 12, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application submitted herewith, consideration of the following remarks is requested. The present application is a continuing application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/978,381 filed on November 25, 1997. The present application contains amendments to the specification.

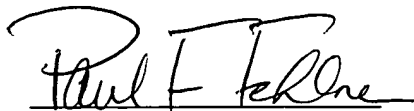
(1) The application has been amended to reflect the continuing data.

(2) The claims have been amended. As amended, the claims correspond to the pending claims in parent application Serial No. 08/978,381.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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